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In re Application of:)	
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NOBUKO YAMAMOTO, et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/810,550)	
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Filed: March 29, 2004)	
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For: INFECTIOUS ETIOLOGIC)	
AGENT DETECTION PROBE	:	
AND PROBE SET, CARRIER,)	
AND GENETIC SCREENING	:	
METHOD)	January 31, 2008

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than the U.S. patent documents, are enclosed. English-language abstracts for Japan 2002-330768 and WO 02/086160 are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Official Action, which is dated November 9, 2007, is enclosed. An English-language translation of the Official Action is also enclosed.

U.S. Publication No. 2004/0185459 is believed to be in the same patent family as WO 02/086160, and U.S. Publication No. 2002/0160401 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 2002-330768.

The following documents, which were cited in the Japanese Official Action, are already of record in the subject application. Accordingly, these documents are not listed on the Form PTO-1449.

Japan 2000-135085
Japan 2002-51783
Japan 2002-238563
Japan 2002-355084

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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